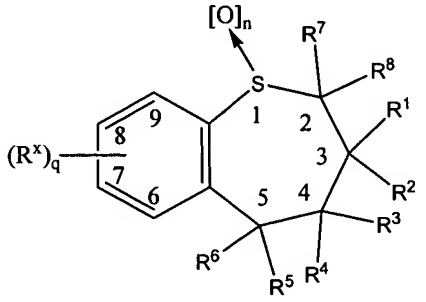
This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~A~~ An oral pharmaceutical composition comprising an ileal bile acid transport (IBAT) inhibiting compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

q is an integer from 1 to 4;

n is an integer from 0 to 2;

R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, dialkylamino, alkylthio, (polyalkyl)aryl, and cycloalkyl,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, dialkylamino, alkylthio, (polyalkyl)aryl, and cycloalkyl optionally are substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{10}R^wA^-$, SR^9, $S^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, $P^+R^9R^{10}R^{11}A^-$, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, oxo, and $CONR^9R^{10}$,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, (polyalkyl)aryl, and cycloalkyl optionally have one or more carbons replaced by O, NR^9, $N^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^9A^-$, $P^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, or phenylene,

wherein R^9, R^{10}, and R^w are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, acyl, heterocycle, ammoniumalkyl, arylalkyl, and alkylammoniumalkyl; or

R^1 and R^2 taken together with the carbon to which they are attached form C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl;

R^3 and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, acyloxy, aryl, heterocycle, OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, and SO_3R^9, wherein R^9 and R^{10} are as defined above; or

R^3 and R^4 together form =O, $=NOR^{11}$, =S, $=NNR^{11}R^{12}$, $=NR^9$, or $=CR^{11}R^{12}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkenylalkyl, alkynylalkyl, heterocycle, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, oxo, and $CONR^9R^{10}$, wherein R^9 and R^{10} are as defined above, provided that both R^3 and R^4 cannot be OH, NH_2, and SH, or

R^{11} and R^{12} together with the nitrogen or carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclic ring;

R^5 and R^6 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, quaternary heterocycle, OR^{30}, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, and SO_3R^9,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, quaternary heterocycle, and quaternary heteroaryl can be substituted with one or more substituent groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, polyether, aryl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, arylalkyl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, halogen, oxo, OR^{13}, $NR^{13}R^{14}$, SR^{13}, $S(O)R^{13}$, SO_2R^{13}, SO_3R^{13}, $NR^{13}OR^{14}$, $NR^{13}NR^{14}R^{15}$, NO_2, CO_2R^{13}, CN, OM, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, C(O)OM, COR^{13}, $P(O)R^{13}R^{14}$, $P^+R^{13}R^{14}R^{15}A^-$, $P(OR^{13})OR^{14}$, $S^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, and $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$,

wherein:

A^- is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion and M is a pharmaceutically acceptable cation,

said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, polyether, aryl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, and heterocycle can be further substituted with one or more substituent groups selected from the group consisting of OR^7, NR^7R^8, SR^7, $S(O)R^7$, SO_2R^7, SO_3R^7, CO_2R^7, CN, oxo, $CONR^7R^8$, $N^+R^7R^8R^9A^-$, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, arylalkyl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, $P(O)R^7R^8$, $P^+R^7R^8R^9A^-$, and $P(O)(OR^7)OR^8$ and

wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, polyether, aryl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, and heterocycle can optionally have one or more carbons replaced by O, NR^7, $N^+R^7R^8A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^7A^-$, PR^7, $P(O)R^7$, $P^+R^7R^8A^-$, or phenylene, and R^{13}, R^{14}, and R^{15} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, and quaternary heteroarylalkyl,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, arylalkyl, heterocycle, and polyalkyl optionally have one or more carbons replaced by O, NR^9, $N^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^9A^-$, PR^9, $P^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, $P(O)R^9$, phenylene, carbohydrate, amino acid, peptide, or polypeptide, and

R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of sulfoalkyl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, oxo, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, $CONR^9R^{10}$, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $PO(OR^{16})OR^{17}$, $P^+R^9R^{10}R^{11}A^-$, $S^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, and C(O)OM,

wherein R^{16} and R^{17} are independently selected from the substituents constituting R^9 and M; or

R^{14} and R^{15}, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a cyclic ring; and

R^{30} is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, acyl, heterocycle, ammoniumalkyl, alkylammoniumalkyl, and arylalkyl; and

R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; and

one or more R^x are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, acyloxy, aryl, arylalkyl, halogen, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, polyether, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, OR^{13}, $NR^{13}R^{14}$, SR^{13}, $S(O)R^{13}$, $S(O)_2R^{13}$, SO_3R^{13}, $S^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, $NR^{13}OR^{14}$, $NR^{13}NR^{14}R^{15}$, NO_2, CO_2R^{13},

CN, OM, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $NR^{14}C(O)R^{13}$, $C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $NR^{14}C(O)R^{13}$, C(O)OM, COR^{13}, OR^{18}, $S(O)_nNR^{18}$, $NR^{13}R^{18}$, $NR^{18}OR^{14}$, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, $P^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, amino acid, peptide, polypeptide, and carbohydrate,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, polyalkyl, heterocycle, acyloxy, arylalkyl, haloalkyl, polyether, quaternary heterocycle, and quaternary heteroaryl can be further substituted with OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, oxo, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, $CONR^9R^{10}$, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $PO(OR^{16})OR^{17}$, $P^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, $S^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, or C(O)M, and

wherein R^{18} is selected from the group consisting of acyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, arylalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, alkyl,

wherein acyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, arylalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, alkyl, quaternary heterocycle, and quaternary heteroaryl optionally are substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, oxo, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, $CONR^9R^{10}$, SO_3R^9, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $PO(OR^{16})OR^{17}$, and C(O)OM,

wherein in R^x, one or more carbons are optionally replaced by O, NR^{13}, $N^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^{13}A^-$, PR^{13}, $P(O)R^{13}$, $P^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, phenylene, amino acid, peptide, polypeptide, carbohydrate, polyether, or polyalkyl,

wherein in said polyalkyl, phenylene, amino acid, peptide, polypeptide, and carbohydrate, one or more carbons are optionally replaced by O, NR^9, $N^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^9A^-$, PR^9, $P^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, or $P(O)R^9$;

wherein quaternary heterocycle and quaternary heteroaryl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, polyether, aryl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, arylalkyl, halogen, oxo, OR^{13}, $NR^{13}R^{14}$, SR^{13}, $S(O)R^{13}$, SO_2R^{13}, SO_3R^{13}, $NR^{13}OR^{14}$, $NR^{13}NR^{14}R^{15}$, NO_2, CO_2R^{13}, CN, OM, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, C(O)OM, COR^{13}, $P(O)R^{13}R^{14}$, $P^+R^{13}R^{14}R^{15}A^-$, $P(OR^{13})OR^{14}$, $S^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, and $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$,

provided that both R^5 and R^6 cannot be hydrogen or SH;

provided that when R^5 or R^6 is phenyl, only one of R^1 or R^2 is H;

provided that when q=1 and R^x is styryl, anilido, or anilinocarbonyl, only one of R^5 or R^6 is alkyl; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or prodrug thereof, and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier suitable for administration to a patient in a dosage range from about 0.3 mg/kg bodyweight/day to about 100 mg/kg bodyweight/day of said compound of formula (I) to the small intestine of said patient by oral administration.

Claims 2–352 (previously cancelled)

Claim 353 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is suitable for delivering said compound of formula (I) to the ileum.

Claim 354 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 353 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is a pH sensitive release formulation.

Claim 355 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 353 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is a bioadhesive formulation.

Claim 356 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 353 wherein said compound of formula (I) is released by enzymatic action.

Claim 357 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 353 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in a solid dosage form.

Claim 358 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 357 wherein said solid dosage form comprises a tablet optionally coated with an enteric coating.

Claim 359 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 358 wherein said enteric coating comprises a member selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate phthalate,

polyvinylacetate phthalate, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose phthalate, and anionic polymers of methacrylic acid and methacrylic acid methyl ester.

Claim 360 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 357 wherein said solid dosage form comprises a capsule optionally comprising an enteric coating.

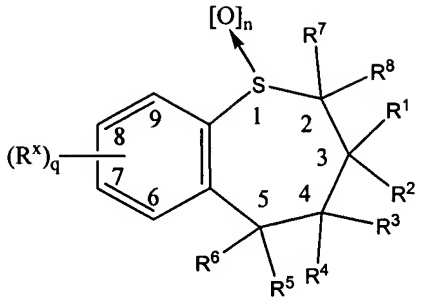
Claim 361 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 360 wherein said enteric coating comprises a member selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate phthalate, polyvinylacetate phthalate, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose phthalate, and anionic polymers of methacrylic acid and methacrylic acid methyl ester.

Claim 362 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 353 wherein said dosage range is from about 1 mg/kg bodyweight/day to about 50 mg/kg bodyweight/day.

Claim 363 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 362 wherein said dosage range is from about 3 mg/kg bodyweight/day to about 10 mg/kg bodyweight/day.

Claim 364. (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 363 wherein said dosage range is subdivided from about 2 to about 6 subdoses per day.

Claim 365. (new): An oral pharmaceutical composition comprising an ileal bile acid transport (IBAT) inhibitor in a dosage range from about 0.3 mg/kg bodyweight/day to about 100 mg/kg bodyweight/day and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said oral pharmaceutical composition provides delayed release or sustained release of said IBAT inhibitor to the gastrointestinal tract of a subject to whom said composition is administered, and wherein said IBAT inhibitor is represented by a compound of formula (I):



wherein:

q is an integer from 1 to 4;

n is an integer from 0 to 2;

R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, dialkylamino, alkylthio, (polyalkyl)aryl, and cycloalkyl,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, dialkylamino, alkylthio, (polyalkyl)aryl, and cycloalkyl optionally are substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{10}R^wA^-$, SR^9, $S^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, $P^+R^9R^{10}R^{11}A^-$, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, oxo, and $CONR^9R^{10}$,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, (polyalkyl)aryl, and cycloalkyl optionally have one or more carbons replaced by O, NR^9, $N^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^9A^-$, $P^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, or phenylene,

wherein R^9, R^{10}, and R^w are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, acyl, heterocycle, ammoniumalkyl, arylalkyl, and alkylammoniumalkyl; or

R^1 and R^2 taken together with the carbon to which they are attached form C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl;

R^3 and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, acyloxy, aryl, heterocycle, OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, and SO_3R^9, wherein R^9 and R^{10} are as defined above; or

R^3 and R^4 together form =O, $=NOR^{11}$, =S, $=NNR^{11}R^{12}$, $=NR^9$, or $=CR^{11}R^{12}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl,

alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkenylalkyl, alkynylalkyl, heterocycle, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, oxo, and $CONR^9R^{10}$, wherein R^9 and R^{10} are as defined above, provided that both R^3 and R^4 cannot be OH, NH_2, and SH, or

R^{11} and R^{12} together with the nitrogen or carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclic ring;

R^5 and R^6 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, quaternary heterocycle, OR^{30}, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, and SO_3R^9,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, quaternary heterocycle, and quaternary heteroaryl can be substituted with one or more substituent groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, polyether, aryl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, arylalkyl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, halogen, oxo, OR^{13}, $NR^{13}R^{14}$, SR^{13}, $S(O)R^{13}$, SO_2R^{13}, SO_3R^{13}, $NR^{13}OR^{14}$, $NR^{13}NR^{14}R^{15}$, NO_2, CO_2R^{13}, CN, OM, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, C(O)OM, COR^{13}, $P(O)R^{13}R^{14}$, $P^+R^{13}R^{14}R^{15}A^-$, $P(OR^{13})OR^{14}$, $S^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, and $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$,

wherein:

A^- is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion and M is a pharmaceutically acceptable cation,

said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, polyether, aryl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, and heterocycle can be further substituted with one or more substituent groups selected from the group consisting of OR^7, NR^7R^8, SR^7, $S(O)R^7$, SO_2R^7, SO_3R^7, CO_2R^7, CN, oxo, $CONR^7R^8$, $N^+R^7R^8R^9A^-$, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, arylalkyl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, $P(O)R^7R^8$, $P^+R^7R^8R^9A^-$, and $P(O)(OR^7)OR^8$ and

wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, polyether, aryl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, and heterocycle can optionally have one or more carbons replaced by O, NR^7, $N^+R^7R^8A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^7A^-$, PR^7, $P(O)R^7$, $P^+R^7R^8A^-$, or phenylene, and R^{13}, R^{14}, and R^{15} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl,

polyalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, and quaternary heteroarylalkyl,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, arylalkyl, heterocycle, and polyalkyl optionally have one or more carbons replaced by O, NR^9, $N^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^9A^-$, PR^9, $P^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, $P(O)R^9$, phenylene, carbohydrate, amino acid, peptide, or polypeptide, and

R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of sulfoalkyl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, oxo, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, $CONR^9R^{10}$, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $PO(OR^{16})OR^{17}$, $P^+R^9R^{10}R^{11}A^-$, $S^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, and C(O)OM,

wherein R^{16} and R^{17} are independently selected from the substituents constituting R^9 and M; or

R^{14} and R^{15}, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a cyclic ring; and

R^{30} is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, acyl, heterocycle, ammoniumalkyl, alkylammoniumalkyl, and arylalkyl; and

R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; and

one or more R^x are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, acyloxy, aryl, arylalkyl, halogen, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, polyether, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, OR^{13}, $NR^{13}R^{14}$, SR^{13}, $S(O)R^{13}$, $S(O)_2R^{13}$, SO_3R^{13}, $S^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, $NR^{13}OR^{14}$, $NR^{13}NR^{14}R^{15}$, NO_2, CO_2R^{13}, CN, OM, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $NR^{14}C(O)R^{13}$, $C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $NR^{14}C(O)R^{13}$, C(O)OM, COR^{13}, OR^{18}, $S(O)_nNR^{18}$, $NR^{13}R^{18}$, $NR^{18}OR^{14}$, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, $P^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, amino acid, peptide, polypeptide, and carbohydrate,

wherein alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, polyalkyl, heterocycle, acyloxy, arylalkyl, haloalkyl, polyether, quaternary heterocycle, and quaternary heteroaryl can be further substituted with OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, oxo, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, $CONR^9R^{10}$, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $PO(OR^{16})OR^{17}$, $P^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, $S^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, or C(O)M, and

wherein R^{18} is selected from the group consisting of acyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, arylalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, alkyl,

wherein acyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, arylalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, alkyl, quaternary heterocycle, and quaternary heteroaryl optionally are substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, oxo, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, $CONR^9R^{10}$, SO_3R^9, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $PO(OR^{16})OR^{17}$, and C(O)OM,

wherein in R^x, one or more carbons are optionally replaced by O, NR^{13}, $N^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^{13}A^-$, PR^{13}, $P(O)R^{13}$, $P^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, phenylene, amino acid, peptide, polypeptide, carbohydrate, polyether, or polyalkyl,

wherein in said polyalkyl, phenylene, amino acid, peptide, polypeptide, and carbohydrate, one or more carbons are optionally replaced by O, NR^9, $N^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^9A^-$, PR^9, $P^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, or $P(O)R^9$;

wherein quaternary heterocycle and quaternary heteroaryl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, polyether, aryl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, arylalkyl, halogen, oxo, OR^{13}, $NR^{13}R^{14}$, SR^{13}, $S(O)R^{13}$, SO_2R^{13}, SO_3R^{13}, $NR^{13}OR^{14}$, $NR^{13}NR^{14}R^{15}$, NO_2, CO_2R^{13}, CN, OM, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, C(O)OM, COR^{13}, $P(O)R^{13}R^{14}$, $P^+R^{13}R^{14}R^{15}A^-$, $P(OR^{13})OR^{14}$, $S^+R^{13}R^{14}A^-$, and $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$,

provided that both R^5 and R^6 cannot be hydrogen or SH;

provided that when R^5 or R^6 is phenyl, only one of R^1 or R^2 is H;

provided that when q=1 and R^x is styryl, anilido, or anilinocarbonyl, only one of R^5 or R^6 is alkyl; or

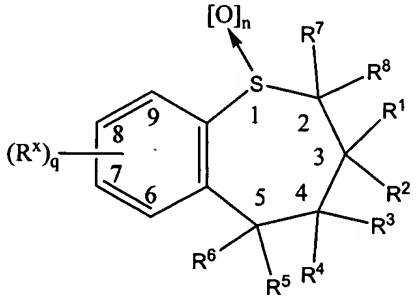
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or prodrug thereof.

Claim 366 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 365, wherein said oral pharmaceutical composition delivers said IBAT inhibitor to the small intestine of said subject.

Claim 367 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 366, wherein said oral pharmaceutical composition is designed to deliver said IBAT inhibitor to the ileum of said subject.

Claim 368 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 365, wherein said subject is a human.

Claim 369 (new): An oral pharmaceutical composition comprising an ileal bile acid transport (IBAT) inhibiting compound of formula (I):



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wherein:

q is 1 or 2;

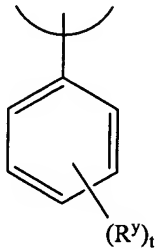
n is 2;

R^1 and R^2 are each alkyl;

R^3 is hydroxy;

R^4 and R^6 are hydrogen;

R^5 has the formula (II)



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wherein t is an integer from 0 to 5;

one or more R^y are OR^{13};

R^{13} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, polyalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, and quaternary heteroarylalkyl;

said R^{13} alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, arylalkyl, heterocycle, and polyalkyl groups optionally have one or more carbons replaced by O, NR^9, $N^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, S, SO, SO_2, $S^+R^9A^-$, PR^9, $P^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, $P(O)R^9$, phenylene, carbohydrate, amino acid, peptide, or polypeptide;

R^{13} is optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of sulfoalkyl, quaternary heterocycle, quaternary heteroaryl, OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, $N^+R^9R^{11}R^{12}A^-$, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, oxo, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, $CONR^9R^{10}$, SO_2OM, $SO_2NR^9R^{10}$, $PO(OR^{16})OR^{17}$, $P^+R^9R^{10}R^{11}A^-$, $S^+R^9R^{10}A^-$, and C(O)OM,

wherein A is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion, and M is a pharmaceutically acceptable cation,

R^9 and R^{10} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, acyl, heterocycle, ammoniumalkyl, arylalkyl, and alkylammoniumalkyl;

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkenylalkyl, alkynylalkyl, heterocycle, carboxyalkyl, carboalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, OR^9, NR^9R^{10}, SR^9, $S(O)R^9$, SO_2R^9, SO_3R^9, CO_2R^9, CN, halogen, oxo, and $CONR^9R^{10}$, wherein R^9 and R^{10} are as defined above, provided that both R^3 and R^4 cannot be OH, NH_2, and SH; or

R^{11} and R^{12} together with the nitrogen or carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclic ring; and

R^{16} and R^{17} are independently selected from the substituents constituting R^9 and M;

R^7 and R^8 are hydrogen; and

one or more R^x are independently selected from the group consisting of alkoxy, alkylamino and dialkylamino; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or prodrug thereof, and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier suitable for delivery of said compound of formula (I) to the small intestine by oral administration.

Claim 370 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 369 wherein said composition delivers said IBAT inhibiting compound of formula (I) to the ileum.

Claim 371 (new): The oral pharmaceutical composition of claim 370 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is a pH sensitive release formulation.